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SUBJECT: WORLD BANK/IMF PROPOSALS TO INCREASE SALARIES OF
EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES

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1. ECONOFF DISCUSSED IBRD/IMF SALARY PROPOSALS JULY 12
WITH MOHAMED BESSEKHOUD, DIRECTOR OF STUDIES AT CENTRAL
BANK. HE MADE POINTS OUTLINED REFTEL AND GAVE BESSEKHOUD
THE FRENCH TEXT OF SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL'S LETTER, ADDRESSED
TO CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR MOSTEFAI AS IMF GOVERNOR FOR ALGERIA.

2. BESSEKHOUD SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN ABOUT TO VOTE FOR
JOINT COMMITTEE'S SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS BUT HAD DELAYED
VOTING IN ORDER TO HEAR US VIEWS. AFTER LISTENING TO OUR
CASE HE POINTED OUT THAT PROPOSED INCREASE WOULD NOT
BRING DIRECTORS UP TO 1974 LEVEL OF REAL COMPENSATION
(EVEN ACCEPTING VIEW THAT REDUCTION IN REAL REMUNERATION
SINCE 1974 WAS 13.5 PERCENT AND NOT 30 PERCENT.) HE ALSO CONTENDED
THAT SOME QUALIFIED PEOPLE IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA FIND
IMF DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION UNATTRACTIVE AS COMPARED WITH
MINISTERIAL SALARIES IN THOSE COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH
ALGERIAN MINISTERS MAKE NOWHERE NEAR THESE AMOUNTS. HE
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ALSO CONTENDED THAT INCENTIVES ARE NEEDED TO ENCOURAGE
PEOPLE TO ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT AWAY FROM THEIR HOMES.
ECONOFF EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND INTIMATED DOUBT ABOUT
THE HIGH SALARIES BESSEKHOUD ATTRIBUTED TO MINISTERS
IN PARTS OF AFRICA AND WONDERED ALOUD WHETHER \$45,700
TAX FREE WAS NOT ENOUGH TO ATTRACT ANYONE FROM ANY
AFRICAN COUNTRY YET DISCOVERED.

3. BESSEKHOUD SAID THAT GOA HAD NOT REALLY GIVEN THE
MATTER MUCH THOUGHT BUT THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER OUR
POINTS AND WOULD DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH GOVERNOR
MOSTEFAL. ECONOFF ASKED IF POSITION WOULD BE
COORDINATED WITH FINANCE MINISTER (AS IBRD GOVERNOR).
BESSEKHOUD WAS NOT SURE, SINCE ONLY "IMPORTANT" BANK/
FUND MATTERS WERE COORDINATED. CONOFF SAID WE CONSIDERED
SALARIES IMPORTANT MATTER AND HOPED GOA WOULD COME TO
AGREE.

4. WE ARE STILL SEEKING APPOINTMENT AT FINANCE MINISTRY.HAYNES

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